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**FRESNO MAN SENTENCED TO TEN YEARS IN PRISON ON DRUG TRAFFICKING  
AND MONEY LAUNDERING CHARGES - \$53,970 CASH FORFEITED**

FRESNO – United States Attorney McGregor Scott announced that WENDELL MOULTRIE, age 35, of Fresno, California was sentenced today to 10 years in federal prison based on his guilty pleas to conspiracy to distribute and possess with the intent to distribute, fifty grams or more of cocaine base/crack, and money laundering. United States District Judge Oliver W. Wanger also ordered MOULTRIE to forfeit \$53,970 cash that law enforcement officers seized from a safe deposit box on May 25, 2005.

This case was the result of a joint investigation by the Fresno Police Department, Internal Revenue Service, and the Drug Enforcement Administration

According to Assistant United States Attorney Kevin P. Rooney, who prosecuted the case, on December 5, 2005, during his guilty plea, MOULTRIE admitted that he distributed approximately three pounds of cocaine base/crack in Fresno between May 19-21, 2005. MOULTRIE also admitted that in February 2005, he had laundered money by purchasing a Land Rover sport utility vehicle with his drug trafficking proceeds but having the payment records and ownership documents placed in a third party's name.

United States Attorney Scott praised the coordinated effort of the agencies and the individual investigators in this case, stating, "This investigation, the drug and money laundering convictions, and the almost \$54,000 cash forfeiture, is a great example of the results law enforcement obtains when local and federal drug investigators, and the Internal Revenue Service, all combine their expertise. We are dedicated to using all our resources to keep our communities safe from illegal drug trafficking and to seize drug proceeds from drug traffickers."

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